

(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute an Agricultural Lease Agreement with Mr. James Crayton in the total amount of \$31,024.50 for the period effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) manages 881 acres of agricultural land for the purpose of growing and harvesting agricultural row-crops, vegetable crops, and hay; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural lands held by DPRC are located within designated primary environmental corridors as defined by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, keeping these agricultural lands in production deters invasive plant species from overtaking the land; and

WHEREAS, each lessee is responsible for working with the DPRC on the development of a Conservation Plan specific to their parcels to reduce soil loss, achieve water quality goals, and protect the natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, the term of each lease is selected based on factors such as the conservation method, the crop rotation cycle, and the likelihood that the parcel may cease to be available for farming; and

WHEREAS, rent payments vary due to the size of the parcel and were developed based on United States Department of Agriculture and State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection fair market value rates for Southeastern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the following Agreement is under consideration:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Total Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
Mr. James Crayton	\$31,024.50	139.50	3 Years

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of May 17, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request, (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to execute an Agricultural Lease Agreement with James Crayton, for a term beginning January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018, totaling \$31,024.50.

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